

Dear FCC Commissioners & Staff:

As a small business owner, I am very dependent on technology and connectivity to/through the Internet. The only ISP's that have been able to supply my needs are independent Internet Service Providers. While I have talked to the telephone company (GTE/Verizon) and the cable company (@home/Insitebb), none of their services could/would meet my requirements.

Several of my clients have DSL or cable internet service through the local phone and cable companies. After helping them with technical support, I am appalled with the quality of service and support offered by the phone and cable companies. Many of my clients have changed to Independent ISPs to enhance their quality of service and support.

Removing the Independent ISP's that I deal with would be very deleterious to my business. Please oppose restricting broadband deployment and support the Independent ISP's whose advanced technology is instrumental to my company.

Thank you

Sincerely,

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